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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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YASUHITO NIIKURA, et al.)
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Application No.: 10/536,866)
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371(c) Filing Date : May 27, 2005)
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For: DATA PROCESSING)
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APPARATUS AND DATA)
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PROCESSING METHOD AND)
COMPUTER PROGRAM : August 10, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

Japan 7-7623
Japan 9-83760
Japan 2000-115494
Japan 2001-45191
Japan 2002-77552

Japan 7-7623 was cited in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

The remaining documents were cited during prosecution of PCT patent applications corresponding to the above U.S. application and to a related U.S. application (Application No. 10/536,874; see below). Copies of the PCT International Search Reports, which are both dated July 5, 2005, are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents cited above is provided in the PCT International Search Reports and by the English language abstracts included with the cited art. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 5,877,864 is an English language counterpart to Japan 9-83760; that U.S. patent is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to co-pending Application No. 10/536,874 filed May 27, 2005 by Masahiro Odaira, Fumio Shoji, Takao Ikuno, Yoshiaki Katahira, Toru Fujino, Kenji Kasuya, Noritsugu Okayama, and Yasuhito Niikura (Atty. Docket No. 00862.108809). This application is the "related U.S. application" mentioned above.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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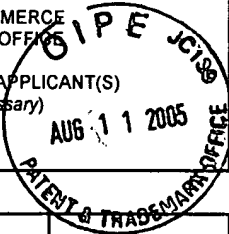
Respectfully submitted,

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		9-83769	3/28/97	Japan			Abstract
		2000-115494	4/21/00	Japan			Abstract
		2001-45191	2/16/01	Japan			Abstract
		2002-77552	3/15/02	Japan			Abstract
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